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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT RESPONSE FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEW
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, and the interview courteously granted Applicants' representatives on _____, 2002, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 35 as follows:

35. (Twice Amended) A gaming device comprising:

- a processor;
- a memory device which maintains a plurality of symbols and a plurality of award yielding symbol combinations, wherein the processor communicates with the memory device to:
 - generate a set of symbols, wherein one of said symbols is a wild symbol;
 - provide an award for each award yielding symbol combination appearing in said set, wherein said wild symbol functions as one of the symbols;
 - individually substitute another wild symbol for at least one but not all other non-wild symbols in said set; and
 - provide an award for each award yielding symbol combination appearing in said set, wherein each wild symbol functions as one of the symbols.